

EXHIBIT A



Form 19-1a

Academic Year: 2019-20

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Statement

For: Student-athletes.

Action: Sign and return to your director of athletics.

Due date: Before your first competition each year.

Required by: NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.6 and NCAA Bylaw 12.7.2.

Purpose: To assist in certifying eligibility.

Effective Date: This NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Statement shall be in effect from the date this document is signed and shall remain in effect until a subsequent Division I Student-Athlete Statement form is executed.

Student-athlete: _____
 (Please print name)

The completion of this form is required to participate in intercollegiate competition.

This form has six parts:

- I. A statement concerning eligibility;
- II. A Buckley Amendment consent;
- III. An affirmation of status as an amateur athlete;
- IV. Results of drug tests;
- V. Previous involvement in NCAA rules violation(s); and
- VI. An affirmation of valid and accurate information provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center and admissions office, including ACT or SAT scores, high school attendance, completion of coursework and high school grades.

This form must be completed and signed before participation in intercollegiate competition. Please note, only incoming transfers and continuing student-athletes must complete Part V. Only incoming freshmen student-athletes must complete Part VI.

Before you sign this form, you should read the Summary of NCAA Regulations, or another outline or summary of NCAA legislation, provided by your director of athletics (or his or her designee) or read the bylaws of the NCAA Division I Manual that address your eligibility. You are responsible for knowing and understanding the application of all NCAA Division I bylaws related to your eligibility. If you have any questions, you should discuss them with your director of athletics or your institution's compliance officer, or you may contact the NCAA at 317-917-6222.

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The conditions that you must meet to be eligible and the requirement that you sign this form are indicated in the following bylaws of the Division I Manual:

- NCAA Bylaws 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18.4 and 31.2.3.

Part I: Statement Concerning Eligibility.

By signing this part of the form, you affirm the following:

Your institution has provided you a copy of the Summary of NCAA Regulations, or another outline or summary of NCAA legislation, or the relevant sections of the Division I Manual and that your director of athletics (or his or her designee) gave you the opportunity to ask questions about them.

You have knowledge of and understand the application of NCAA Division I bylaws related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status and involvement in sports wagering activities.

You are aware of the NCAA drug-testing program and that you have signed or will sign the current NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form.

All information provided to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center and the institution's admissions office is accurate and valid, including ACT or SAT scores, high school attendance, completion of coursework and high school grades, as well as your amateur status.

You have reported to your director of athletics (or his or her designee) any violations of NCAA regulations involving you and your institution.

You affirm that you understand that if you sign this statement falsely or erroneously, you violate NCAA legislation on ethical conduct and you will further jeopardize your eligibility.

Name (please print)

Date of birth

Age

Signature of student-athlete

Home address (street or P.O. Box)

Date

Home city, state, and zip code

Sport(s)

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Part II: Buckley Amendment Consent.

By signing this part of the form, you certify that you agree to disclose your education records.

You understand that this entire form and the results of any NCAA drug test you may take are part of your education records. These records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and they may not be disclosed without your consent.

You give your consent to disclose only to authorized representatives of this institution, its athletics conference (if any) and the NCAA, except as permitted in the Drug-Testing Consent form, the following documents:

1. This form;
2. Results of NCAA drug tests and related information and correspondence;
3. Results of positive drug tests administered by a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body;
4. Any transcript from your high school, this institution or any junior college or any other four-year institution you have attended;
5. Precollege test scores, appropriately related information and correspondence (e.g., testing sites, dates and letters of test-score certification or appeal) and, where applicable, information relating to eligibility for or conduct of nonstandard testing;
6. Graduation status;
7. Your social security number and/or student identification number;
8. Race and gender identification;
9. Diagnosis of any education-impacting disabilities;
10. Accommodations provided or approved and other information related to any education-impacting disabilities in all secondary and postsecondary schools;
11. Records concerning your financial aid; and
12. Any other papers or information pertaining to your NCAA eligibility.

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You agree to disclose these records only to determine your eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, your eligibility for athletically related financial aid, for evaluation of school and team academic success, for awards and recognition programs highlighting student-athlete academic success (e.g., Elite 90), for purposes of inclusion in summary institutional information reported to the NCAA (and which may be publicly released by it), for NCAA longitudinal research studies and for activities related to NCAA compliance reviews and institutional performance program. You will not be identified by name by the NCAA in any such published or distributed information. This consent shall remain in effect as long as any issues regarding the purposes listed above exist.

You also agree that information regarding any infractions matter in which you may be involved may be published or distributed to third parties as required by NCAA policies, bylaws or procedures.

Name (please print)

Signature of student-athlete

Date

Signature of parent or legal guardian (if student-athlete is a minor) Date

Part III: Affirmation of Status as an Amateur Athlete.

You affirm that you have read and understand the NCAA amateurism rules.

By signing this part of the form, you affirm that, to the best of your knowledge, you have not violated any amateurism rules since you requested a final certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center or since the last time you signed a Division I student-athlete statement, whichever occurred later.

You affirm that since requesting a final certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, you have not provided false or misleading information concerning your amateur status to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department, including administrative personnel and the coaching staff.

Name (please print)

Date

Signature of student-athlete

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Part IV: Results of Drug Tests

1. Future positive test – all student-athletes sign.

Should I test positive by the NCAA and/or by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code or violate their drug-testing protocol or fail to show for a drug test, at any time after I sign this statement, I acknowledge I must report the results to my director of athletics.

Name (please print)

Date

Signature of student-athlete

2. Positive test by NCAA or non-NCAA athletics organization -- sign either A or B.

A. No positive drug test.

I affirm that, I have never tested positive by the NCAA and/or by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the WADA code, nor violated the drug-testing protocol or failed to show for a drug test conducted by the NCAA or a non-NCAA athletics organization.

Name (please print)

Date

B. Positive drug test.

I have tested positive by the NCAA and/or by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the WADA code, or have violated the drug-testing protocol or failed to show for a drug test conducted by the NCAA or a non-NCAA athletics organization. If I transfer to another institution, I am also obligated to report this information to that institution.

Name (please print)

Signature of student-athlete

Date of test

Organization conducting test

Substance

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Are you currently under such a drug-testing suspension? Yes _____ No _____

Part V: Incoming Transfers – Previous Involvement in NCAA Rules Violation(s).

Have you previously attended a four-year NCAA Division I, II or III institution?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the name(s) of the institution(s)? _____

Are you aware of any NCAA violations you were involved in while previously attending an NCAA institution?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, did this violation result in you being withheld from competition while attending your previous institution?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, please provide an explanation.

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Part VI: Incoming Freshmen – Affirmation of Valid ACT or SAT Score.

You affirm that, to the best of your knowledge, you have received a validated ACT and/or SAT score. You agree that, in the event you are or have been notified by ACT or SAT of the possibility of an invalidated test score, you will immediately notify your director of athletics (or his or her designee). You affirm that all information provided to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center and institution's admissions office is valid and accurate, including high school attendance, completion of coursework and high school grades. You affirm that you did not fraudulently earn your qualifying ACT or SAT score by having someone else take the test for you, copying answers from another person taking the test, etc.

Name (please print)

Date

Signature of student-athlete

NCAA Transfer Portal Signature.

Student-Athlete Signature (Required). I give my consent to disclose to authorized representatives of this institution any documents or information pertaining to my NCAA eligibility. Additionally, this consent allows the authorized representative(s) of this institution to indicate my authorization to disclose my transfer status and provide any requested information pertaining to my NCAA transfer eligibility to its conference, the NCAA and authorized representatives of other member institutions via the NCAA Transfer Portal.

Student-Athlete's Name: _____

Signature of student-athlete: _____ Date: _____

What to do with this form: Sign and return it to your director of athletics (or his or her designee) before your first competition. This form is to be kept in the director of athletics' office for **six years**.

Any questions regarding this form should be referred to your director of athletics or your institution's NCAA compliance staff or you may contact the NCAA at 317-917-6222.